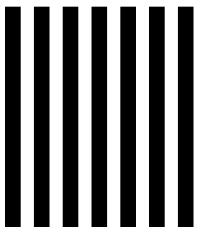




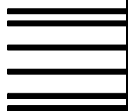
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How It Works

- 1 Complete and mail the screening form.**
Let us know you're ready to tell your story. Postage is on us.
- 2 Introduction by phone.**
When we get your contact info, our staff will call to chat about your story. This helps us organize our work and lets us know more about you.
- 3 Set an interview date.**
Once approved, staff will work with you and our volunteer interviewer to pick the best day for your interview.
- 4 Tell your story.**
Either by phone or in person, a typical Voices of Veterans interview lasts between 1 to 2 hours.
- 5 Add pictures, if you want.**
Please feel free to send us copies of wartime photos, documents or other memorabilia to enrich your story.
- 6 Proof your interview.**
You will have a chance to review and edit the transcript of your interview for accuracy. We want to get it right.
- 7 Get your story on CD.**
You will receive a free transcript and 4 free audio CDs of your interview, along with a frameable certificate.



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My Fellow Veterans:

Five generations of my family have served in time of war. As a former Marine and Vietnam veteran, I know every veteran has a story to tell. The Texas Veterans Land Board *Voices of Veterans Program*™ wants to find and preserve as many of these oral histories as possible. Through these stories of bravery, boredom, fear and fellowship, our future generations of Texans can learn lessons not found in any textbook – like what it means to sacrifice for a cause greater than yourself, and how to face adversity against great odds. Free to any Texas veteran, the *Voices of Veterans Program*™ provides a lasting legacy for historians, friends and family members, and helps us honor and remember the sacrifices of all Texas veterans.

Semper Fi,

JERRY PATTERSON
Chairman,
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“... and he told us, look, in the first two hours, every one of you will be killed or wounded, be a casualty before the first two hours ... So you had that feeling, I'm going in to my death ...”

Manny Rivas, USMC

on the proposed final invasion of Japan
recorded 30 January, 2008

WHY ORAL HISTORY?



Nothing is more powerful than the spoken word. Imagine if we could listen to the stories of heroes such as David Crockett, Sam Houston, and Stephen F. Austin in their own words.

Thanks to digital technology, we can now record the special memories of today's heroes and share them with future generations of Texans.

“The Voices of Veterans Program serves as a living monument to honor the sacrifices of all veterans.”

Military history often highlights stories of major battles, equipment or famous leaders. Yet, the stories of the men and women on the frontlines are often

overlooked. Stories of courage, fear, boredom, fellowship and inspiration are lost with every passing year.

The Texas Veterans Land Board *Voices of Veterans Program* wants to record these stories to remind future Texans that ordinary men and women, when faced with adversity, can accomplish extraordinary things. The *Voices of Veterans Program* serves as a living monument to honor the sacrifices of all veterans.

“Well, being a Christian, it was bad to think about trying to kill someone, but if somebody's shooting at you, you know good and well you're going shoot back ... and that way were doing a duty, we thought, to the country ...”

Roy Goad, US Army

recorded 8 January, 2008

“I know one of the guys asked me one time ... was you ever scared? I said yeah, one time. I said I was scared from the time that first damn bomb hit until the end of the war when I got home. That's just about the way it was ...”

Albert Kamenicky, USN

Pearl Harbor survivor
recorded 2 December, 2008

“... their favorite trick was, if you refused to answer, you got two options. One, they would take out their Luger, put it on the desk and say we have ways to make you answer ...”

Andrew Bardagjy, USN

P.O.W. on interrogation by Nazi SS
recorded 2 December, 2008

“I found these people and they had on a German uniform with a gun. Of course we just threw our hands up ... and they didn't want us. I saw that Czechnik emblem on his cap and I said well, we're, we're among friends.

Donald Landrum, USAAF

Shot down over Nazi territory
recorded 17 April, 2008

VOICES of VETERANS

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I WANT TO TELL MY STORY.

Help us learn more about you and your service record.
Please complete to the best of your knowledge. Thank you.

(Mr.) (Mrs.)

Your Name

(Mr.) (Mrs.)

Spouse or Other Contact Name

Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Other Phone

FAX

Email address

Service Branch:

Last Rank:

to

Dates of Service (e.g. 1946 to 1951)

Conflict / Theater of Operations

Significant Battles / Missions

Awards / Medals

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